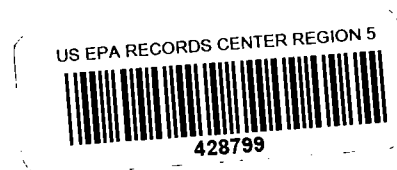


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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for March 2011
North Bronson Industrial Area Site, Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during March 2011.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. On March 10, 2011, the Group submitted the February 2011 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

2. Results of Sampling and Other Test Data

- A. The Group developed no sampling or other test data during the March 2011 reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the March 2011 reporting period.

4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period

- A. The Group will respond to comments received from USEPA regarding the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report* (submitted August 5, 2011), the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report* (submitted August 13, 2011), and the *Technical Memorandum* documenting the connection of properties to the municipal water supply system and the associated abandonment of private wells (submitted September 24, 2011).
- B. Following USEPA approval of the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report*, the Group will develop a schedule for RD tasks related to enhance source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation for review and approval by USEPA.
- C. Following USEPA approval of the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report*, the Group will initiate discussions with landowners for the purpose of placing environmental restrictive covenants on potentially affected properties in Bronson Township.
- D. Because MDEQ is in the process of approving a form of restrictive covenant for use in connection with Superfund sites, the Group has temporarily put on hold its plans to submit the draft Restrictive Covenant for the Western Lagoon Area property until after the new MDEQ form can be reviewed and compared to the language provided in Appendix E of the Consent Decree.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. The near-term project schedule depends on the timing of any comments from USEPA regarding the deliverables listed in Items 4.A. above.
- B. As discussed in our project review meeting of March 17, 2009 and subsequently, progress related to RD/RA for enhanced source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation requires resolution of appropriate cleanup standards for sediments and soils.
- C. There are currently no other unresolved issues that affect the performance or timing of pre-design or RD activities.

6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules

- A. The Group proposed no changes to approved work plans or schedules during the March 2011 reporting period.

7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan

- A. The Group undertook no formal activities in support of the Community Relations Plan during the March 2011 reporting period.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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